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DECLARATION OF Mr. Mikio Inoue

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Sir:

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I, Mikio Inoue, declare that I reside at Otsu shi, Shiga, Japan, that I am one of the inventors named in the above-identified U.S. Patent Application, that I am, and have for many years been, an employee of Toray Industries, Inc. of Tokyo, Japan, and I am thoroughly familiar with the technology relating to conductive sheets comprised of carbon fibers since June, 1987.

I am familiar with JP '897, one of the cited references in the outstanding Official Action. The carbon short fibers and carbon particles are adhered by the water-repellent resin, which also acts as an adhesive in the JP '897 disclosure.

The undersigned declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and thus such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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